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REQUEST FOR ACCELERATED NOTIFICATION OF PATENT NUMBER

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SIR:

It is respectfully requested that, for the reasons which follow, assigning of a patent number to this application, and notification of the assignment of the patent number, be expedited.

The issue fee was paid for this application on June 18, 2004. The assignee, the Government of the United States, as represented by the Secretary of the Interior (Bureau of Reclamations), is currently engaged in licensing discussions. The Government license agreement provides that the product (a "catch cup") produced by any licensee shall bear the patent number permanently molded into the product. Thus the patent number is needed for the production process. Expediting the issuance and notification of a patent number will benefit the Government as well as the licensee(s) and thus prompt granting of this request is respectfully solicited.

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